

I recently heard of the NAB's petition 04-160 and I wanted my voice to be heard in opposition to it. I am on the road about 9 months of the year for my job. When XM satellite radio was first introduced, I don't think that there was anyone more excited about it than me. Finally, I could drive across rural areas and not have to constantly scan for a station to come in. I have been a very loyal fan ever since I first had it installed. When they introduced instant traffic and weather, I became even more devoted. I could start listening for traffic information long before I got to a metropolitan area and make adjustments to my plan if needed. I couldn't tell you how many times it has saved me a headache. By the time I get to a town and find a radio station that is actually playing traffic, it is far too late, and there I am stopped on the interstate finding out that there is a jam. Before XM, I recall several times that I have been driving to find myself in snow or ice or rain simply too heavy to drive in, with no other options but to take it slow and easy and hope for the best. I no longer have to gamble and my safety when traveling.

To hear that the NAB wants to take away this benefit that I pay for really upsets me. If XM satellite radio wants to broadcast traffic and weather information, and I want to pay for it, where is the issue? I'm just asking you to please protect my rights and my safety when considering this issue.

Kyle Simmons